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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE/AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 10/727,281  
Applicant(s) : E. D. Smith, III, et al.  
Filed : 12/03/2003  
Title : Personal Care Articles Comprising Batting  
TC/A.U. : 1771  
Examiner : J. Befumo  
Conf. No. : Unknown  
Docket No. : 7682MC2  
Customer No. : 27752

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Conf. No. : 6919  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(c)**

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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of October 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 10 of this paper.